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Application Number	09/661,693
Filing Date	September 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	S. Indiran Pather, Ph.d.
Group Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Dewitty
Attorney Docket No.	CIMA 3.0-030 CONT CONT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

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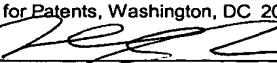
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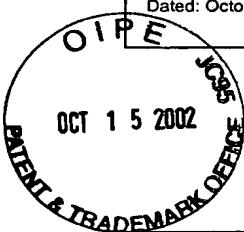
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AMENDMENT

BOX RCE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the advisory action mailed September 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

22. (Twice Amended) A tablet adapted for direct oral administration across the oral mucosa comprising:

a pharmaceutically effective amount of a medicament capable of buccal, sublingual and gingival administration; and

at least one saliva activated effervescent couple present in an amount which is greater than the amount necessary for tablet disintegration and which is sufficient to increase either the rate of the extent of absorption of said medicament across the oral mucosa, and wherein said amount of said at least one effervescent couple is between about 5% by weight and about 80% by weight.

23. (Amended) The tablet of claim 22, wherein said effervescent couple present in an amount between about 20% by weight and about 80% by weight.